



## Fact Sheet:

### **GOVERNOR'S INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG PROBLEMS**

#### *Governor's Prevention Advisory Council*



#### **Mission:**

The Governor's Prevention Advisory Council (GPAC) coordinates the State's strategic efforts to reduce the incidence and prevalence of inappropriate alcohol, tobacco and other drug (ATOD) use by youth and adults.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Develop and implement unified and integrated statewide ATOD prevention coordination plans.
- Identify means of working more efficiently with ATOD prevention-related resources to reduce fragmentation and redundancy at all levels.

#### **Guiding Principles:**

- ATOD-affected behaviors are a cause of great public cost and personal distress.
- Effective prevention programs provide a major contribution to the sustained health, safety and well-being of individuals, families and communities.
- The ever-changing nature of California's ATOD problems necessitate delivering prevention services through a wide range of public and private sources.

- Successful prevention requires research-based planning, correct strategy selection, effective delivery and evaluation.
- Although organizations appointed to the Council have different primary missions, their missions all benefit from successfully preventing and reducing harm to public health, safety and the economy related to ATOD.
- While GPAC members operate collectively toward a shared purpose, they maintain autonomy carrying out Council objectives through their respective organizations.
- As used by the Council, prevention involves strategies, programs and initiatives to reduce direct and second-hand adverse personal, social, health, and economic consequences resulting from problematic ATOD availability, manufacture, distribution, promotion, sales, and use.

#### **Structure/Composition:**

- Members are appointed to GPAC by the Governor.
- The Director of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) chairs the GPAC. ADP provides staff support for the Council.

- Membership of the Council includes key Agency and Departmental administrators from major state agencies involved with prevention issues, funding, and/or program level support.
- The GPAC members include:
  - 1) Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs,
  - 2) Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control,
  - 3) Attorney General's Office,
  - 4) California Community Colleges,
  - 5) California Department of Education,
  - 6) Department of Health Services,
  - 7) California Department of Highway Patrol,
  - 8) Department of Social Services,
  - 9) Office of Emergency Services,
  - 10) Office of Traffic Safety,
  - 11) Office of the Chancellor, California State University, and the
  - 12) Office of the President, University of California.

### **GPAC Operations**

- Council members provide information from their affiliate organizations and advisory sources concerned with the impact of ATOD.
- Council members meet in ad hoc groups to address topical issues. A recent rise in the rate of tobacco sales to minors required members to take immediate actions.
- Workgroups are formed to prepare recommendations for the Council on

specific topics such as binge drinking and high-rate AOD use by youth.

- GPAC serves as California's State Incentive Grant (SIG) Advisory Committee.
- GPAC serves as the State Policy Steering Committee for the California Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral and Treatment (CASBIRT) Program.